

# SHOT DEAD IN HIS OFFICE AS SON LOOKED ON

was seen drifting out to sea last Stapleton. The American flag, upside down, was flying from the mast, a sure sign of a signal of distress. The pilot boat, New Jersey, and the wrecking steamer J. Merritt out to her aid, but the pilot boat was unable to get close to the schooner and was held fast, and the pilot boat had a similar experience a few minutes later. A number of tugboats were sent to the aid of the schooner, but they, too, would be fabled before being able to reach her.

A three-masted tramp oil steamerhip, with a black smokestack having a broken band around it, arrived at Stapleton. She was forced from her anchorage by the pressure of the tug and now lies in a row of oil tankers and a lumber schooner. About 6 o'clock this afternoon was driven aground by the tugboats. The schooner's dock extends 130 feet out into the water. The vessel's stern was damaged by the tugboats. The schooner is getting free from the dock she sits

When the firemen got to Miss Schwartz's flat early yesterday her safe was open. Battalion Chief Gray ordered it closed and sealed. No inventory of what it contained then was taken. Since then a good deal of jewelry has been found scattered about the flat, some of which was probably in the safe. But Mr. Gardiner, who has seen all that has been found, says that none of it was what he saw on the trays last Friday. All of that is missing.

## SHIPS DRIVEN ASHORE; BAY IS BLOCKED BY ICE

Four vessels were driven on the Staten Island shore this afternoon by the heavy ice floes in the upper bay. The ice gorge seen in years now exists, extending from the Staten Island shore clear to the Long Island shore. At 3 o'clock this afternoon a two-masted coal barge, painted red and heavily laden, with two masts about 100 feet apart, was seen about a mile east of the American flag, upside down was flying from the top of her foremast as a signal of distress. The pilot boat New Jersey and the wrecking steamer J. J. Merritt put out to her aid, but the barge was driven ashore before the J. J. Merritt got within the ice off Stapleton and was crushed by the ice but not before a similar experience a few minutes later. A number of tugboats put after the barge, but it was thought they, too, would be icebound before they could reach her.